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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN,  
Treasurer, Auditor  
AND  
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SEARSMONT,  
FOR THE  
Municipal Year Ending March 2nd, 1896.

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# REPORT.

## Resources Available (more or less.)

Due from J. W. Farrar, collector of 1894,	\$ 470 48
“ “ “ “ 1895, (less	
highway tax),	2535 69
on tax deeds,	369 01
non-resident tax list for 1893,	33 66
“ “ “ “ “	6 80
State on Free High schools,	150 00
school fund and mill tax,	757 92
on Mrs. Robinson's note,	26 50
Benj. Ladd's “	15 00
from J. R. Davis, money paid town of Houlton,	28 29
Appleton for schooling scholars (estimated),	20
Montville “ “ “ “	1 10
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	\$4394 65

## Liabilities.

Will be due J. S. Burgess March 25, for support	
of Mrs. Conant and Josiah Ladd,	32 50
Nellie Overlock for support of Mrs.	
Luce and Jason Richards, March 25,	32 75
G. Childs, March 25,	7 85
Due on school bills (estimated),	330 00
school books, bills not returned (estimated),	100 00
collector's commissions for 1894 and 1895,	
(estimated),	275 00
State tax of 1895,	927 87
County tax of 1895,	330 64
Insane Hospital (estimated)	33 00
F. C. Proctor for work on road,	10 00
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	\$2079 61
Resources more than liabilities,	2315 04
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	\$4394 65



**Town Raised, (Excluding School Money.)**

For Town charges,	\$ 250 00	257
Contingent expenses,	200 00	257
Collector and Treas. commissions,	175 00	121
Support of poor,	650 00	700
Bridges,	300 00	540
Building road machine house,	50 00	
Building road and paying damage,	460 00	
Damage and moving fence across J. R.		
Wall's land,	25 00	
School books,	150 00	
Building school house,	700 00	
Repairs on school houses,	50 00	
Overlay,	80 15	
	<u>          </u>	\$3,090 15

**Town Expended, (Excluding School Money.)**

For Town charges,	\$ 297 90	
Contingent expenses,	281 87	
Coll. and Treas. commissions,	274 79	
Support of poor,	727 86	
Bridges,	201 11	
School books,	68 67	
Repairs on school houses,	90 60	
Building school house and wood shed, not including price of lot and ex- penses on same, about,	545 00	
School house lot and expenses on same, about,	91 31	
Orders drawn from general fund,	388 54	
	<u>          </u>	\$2,967 65
Unexpended,		122 50
		<u>          </u>
		\$3,090 15

**Support of Poor.**

Town raised for support of poor,	\$650 00
Paid Nellie Overlock for supporting Mrs. Luce, Eva Pierce, Lillian Richards and tramps,	\$ 139 70

J. S. Burgess as per contract on Josiah Ladd, Abbie Conant and Iving Field,	207 70	
Insane hospital on W. Whitaker,	170 05	
C. A. Dennett, M. D. attendance on Lillian Richards,	5 00	
On account of G. Childs and wife,	42 00	
L. Buzzel, on account of Lillian Daley's child,	2 85	
State reform school on account of F. E. Medcalf,	39 00	
J. F. Paine for pauper supplies,	2 35	
Maine Industrial school on account of Eva Pierce,	14 00	
Joshua Rivers to burial of Winfield Richards,	2 00	
Alden Robbins for boarding Percy Waltz,	1 00	
S. S. Bean for boarding Percy Waltz,	2 81	
E. S. Wing for caskets for Rufus and Winfield Richards,	20 00	
Town of Houlton on account of J. R. Davis,	28 29	
A. Millett for attendance on town's poor,	17 00	
R. Ness keeping tramps,	3 25	
Wm. Ladd for keeping Jason Richards,	6 25	
V. A. Simmons for pauper supplies,	2 11	
O. D. Wilson trip to Lincolnville on pauper case,	1 50	
P. A. Crooker for medicine for Percy Waltz,	3 00	
L. L. Cross on account of Percy Waltz and Jason Richards,	10 50	
D. B. Cobb & Son supplies for town's poor,	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 727 86
Overdrawn,		77 86
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		\$ 650 00



## Contingent Expenses.

Town raised for contingent expenses,	\$200 00
Paid O. D. Wilson money paid on settle- ment with Samuel Miller,	\$ 3 00
R. F. Dunton on account of S. Miller case,	2 00
John Thompson for road machine wheel,	3 00
Age Pub. Co. printing town reports,	11 00
S. S. Bean for rent of hall and office,	35 00
L. C. Poor for removing rocks from highway,	10 00
A. L. Maddocks for dog license book,	1 25
L. L. Cross for labor on highway,	2 00
Age Pub. Co. for printing bill heads,	1 75
M. P. Woodcock & Son for blank books and stationery,	10 30
Fred Lucas for repairs on Cooper's corner road,	67 15
A. N. Jewett labor on Shibbles road,	6 35
N. Cooper for road across field and work on road,	8 05
O. D. Wilson for repairs on road machine,	2 50
M. O. Wilson for wood at Select- men's office,	1 75
G. W. Richards for work on road,	1 00
O. A. Wellman for handling road machine,	35 00
A. D. Ramsey for certificates of births and deaths,	50
J. W. Farrar expense of collection of A. H. Wardwell's tax,	2 17
Tyler & Conant cutting edge to road machine,	8 00
Wm. N. Elms for breaking roads,	34 18

C. C. Cooper for labor on road in 1892,	3 89	
A. G. Caswell auctioneer, selling School houses,	2 00	
D. Sweetland for winter road through field,	1 50	
Ely Martin for winter road through field,	2 03	
J. W. Farrar, postage, stationery &c,	5 50	
A. Millett, certificate of births and deaths,	3 75	
O. D. Wilson at Belfast on Watts case twice and before the State Assessors,	9 50	
O. D. Wilson, books, postage, sta- tionery &c.	2 50	
P. A. Crooker for certificates of births and deaths,	5 25	
	<hr/>	\$281 87
Overdrawn,		81 87
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		\$200 00

### Bridges.

Town raised for bridges,		\$ 300 00
Paid Wm. F. Bryant for labor and material on Wardwell bridge,	\$ 5 84	
Leroy Marriner for labor and material on Arnold bridge,	13 87	
E. A. Jones plank for driveway,	1 08	
Geo. F. Randall for bridge plank,	5 72	
B. F. Fuller for bridge plank and timber,	59 84	
Arnold Turner for bridge plank,	3 20	
Selden R. Hook for labor on bridge,	17 98	
Alden Robbins covering stone for causeways,	8 00	
Cooper & Co., for bridge plank,	1 80	
L. L. Cross for labor on bridges,	4 33	



H. E. Holmes for labor on bridges,	1 50	
Daniel Higgins for labor on North Searsmont bridge,	45 19	
J. L. Bean putting post under bridge,	1 50	
L. C. Poor labor on Woodcock bridge,	1 36	
A. N. Jewett labor on bridges,	29 90	
	<hr/>	\$ 201 11
Undrawn,		98 89
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		\$ 300 00

### Town Charges.

Town raised for town charges,	\$ 250 00
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#### EXPENDED.

Paid L. C. Poor services on board of health,	\$ 3 00	
A. Millett services on board of health,	7 00	
O. D. Wilson as town agent,	1 50	
A. L. Maddocks, town clerk and certi- ficates,	16 40	
J. W. Farrar as constable,	6 00	
J. W. Farrar as supervisor of schools,	112 00	
A. L. Maddocks as auditor,	2 25	
A. N. Jewett as selectman, assessor &c.,	43 75	
L. L. Cross as selectman, assessor &c.,	44 25	
O. D. Wilson as selectman, assessor &c,	61 75	
	<hr/>	\$ 297 90
Overdrawn,		47 90
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		\$ 250 00

### Commissions.

Town raised for treasurer and collector commissions,	\$ 175 00
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#### EXPENDED.

Paid A. G. Caswell as town treasurer,	\$ 25 00	
J. W. Farrar coll. of 1892 (commis- sion),	160 86	
J. W. Farrar coll. of 1893 (commis- sion),	88 93	
	<hr/>	\$ 274 79
Overdrawn,		99 79
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		\$ 175 00



## Common Schools.

Unexpended from 1894,	\$ 176 87
Voted and raised March 1895,	1143 00
School fund and mill tax,	757 92
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	\$2077 79

## EXPENDED.

Paid Abbie L. Moody for teaching,	\$ 47 25
Zoa B. Johnson           “	24 00
Sibyl A. Marriner       “	31 50
Alice M. Ripley         “	31 50
Sara F. Fuller           “     and board,	58 50
Alice B. Hatch           “	27 00
Cora Mahoney           “	31 50
Abbie W. Fuller         “	40 50
Carrie E. Mitchell      “	27 00
Grace M. Pendleton     “	31 50
Sara F. Fuller           “     and board,	70 00
Lilla M. Rivers         “	45 00
Cora A. Mahoney        “	45 00
Ella L. Elmes           “	35 00
Sibyl A. Marriner       “	50 00
Lilla M. Rivers         “	65 00
Abbie W. Fuller         “     and board,	60 00
Mary H. Mason           “	60 00
Inez M. Peavey          “     and board,	65 00
Margaret A. Dunton     “	32 50
Grace M. Pendleton     “	40 00
Alice B. Hatch           “	45 00
Sibyl A. Marriner       “	55 00
Ella L. Elmes           “	55 00
Sara F. Fuller           “     and board	77 00
Lilla M. Rivers         “	20 00
B. W. Fogg for wood,	3 75
Alden Robbins, boarding teacher,	46 00
Geo. H. Clark           “	13 50
Leroy Marriner          “	10 80

H. G. Howes	"	15 75
Francis M. Paul	"	13 50
O. B. Fuller	"	14 40
Louise M. Brown	"	18 00
Leroy Marriner	"	1 20
Hattie A. Gove	"	20 00
Francis M. Paul	"	15 00
Sarah A. Farrar	"	7 75
Mrs. B. B. Toothaker	"	21 00
H. C. Mahoney	"	13 50
Nancy Wellman	"	18 81
Geo. H. Clark	"	15 00
H. C. Mahoney for wood,		7 00
F. C. Toothaker	"	7 50
W. E. Ordway	"	28 41
Geo. F. Campbell	"	32 00
J. L. Bean	"	4 90
Chas. S. Adams	"	6 75
L. L. Cross	"	7 50
J. L. Bean	"	60
Alice M. Ripley for teaching,		71 50
Geo. C. Howard	"	90 75
Abbie M. Ordway	"	57 00

Undrawn,

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\$1731 62  
346 17

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\$2077 79

### Repairs on School Houses.

Town raised for repairs on school houses,	\$ 50 00
Unexpended from 1894,	36
Total fund,	<hr/> \$ 50 36

#### EXPENDED.

Paid J. W. Farrar for repairs on houses &c.	\$ 5 15
John Lane for labor on school houses,	1 60
R. P. Stickney for stove pipe,	95
Henry W. Morse for labor in repairing,	2 25
J. Rivers for trucking seats &c.,	2 50



M. F. Dyer, Jr., for labor in repairs,	2 50	
H. C. Mahoney for labor in repairs,	1 50	
J. F. Paine for school supplies,	2 64	
L. L. Cross for trucking for school houses,	1 00	
I. A. Marriner for labor on school houses,	3 50	
Warren Bros. for labor on school houses,	2 65	
C. B. Hall windows for school houses,	9 70	
Nancy Wellman papering and cleaning,	5 25	
Donahue & Hennery supplies and fixings,	13 88	
D. B. Cobb & Son school furnishings,	3 08	
J. W. Farrar for banking, cleaning and repairing houses,	28 95	
L. H. Thomas repairs and moving wood,	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 90 60
Overdrawn,		40 24
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		\$ 50 36

### Building new School House.

Raised by town to build school house at North Searsmont,	\$ 700 00
Sold Higgins school house,	27 00
Sold North Searsmont school house,	31 00
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Total fund,	\$ 758 00

#### EXPENDED.

Paid C. C. Hook & als. for school house lot,	\$ 25 00
F. L. Waterhouse for material and building house,	400 00
S. R. Hook for labor on lot,	19 12
W. G. Brown for labor on lot,	5 50
F. L. Waterhouse building wood shed and setting seats,	32 30
R. H. Coombs for table and chair,	4 25
A. C. Burgess for brackets,	50
R. P. Stickney stoves, pipes &c,	24 23
F. W. Choat for slate blackboard,	6 60

Donahue & Henneberry for window shades,	3 85	
J. W. Farrar for freights on desks &c,	12 31	
J. W. Farrar for desks for North Sears-mont house,	37 40	
A. N. Jewett for work on lot and hauling furniture,	41 00	
O. D. Wilson locating and buying lot and overseeing building house, recording deed &c,	8 25	
A. N. Jewett locating lot and overseeing house,	6 00	
L. L. Cross locating lot and overseeing house,	4 50	
J. W. Farrar for locating lot and overseeing house,	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 636 31
Unexpended,		121 69
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		\$ 758 00

### School Books.

Unexpended from 1894,	\$ 19 67
Raised by town March 1895,	150 00
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Total fund,	\$169 67

#### EXPENDED.

Paid E. E. Babb for school books,	\$ 8 33	
University Pub. Co., school books,	20 00	
D. C. Heath for school books,	23 34	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books,	13 70	
J. W. Farrar for books, &c.,	3 30	
	<hr/>	\$ 68 67
Unexpended,		101 00
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		\$169 67



# School Report.

Town raised in 1894 to pay for school houses, \$3023 54

EXPENDED,

Orders drawn to persons whose rebate exceeded their tax for that year, \$ 250 06

Orders drawn to collector of 1894 to bal.	2773 48	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 3023 54

## Orders Drawn from Funds Otherwise Unap- propriated.

Paid Chas. H. Field for insurance on school house,	\$ 12 50
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Discount to Sept. 1st on taxes of 1895, 106 66

Discount on taxes from Sept. 1st to Oct. 1st. 1895, 10 17

Tyler & Conant for road machine,	200 00
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L. L. Cross hauling machine from Belfast, 2 75

Interest on order 225, 16 89

Geo. H. Talbot insurance on school house,	9 10
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J. W. Farrar rebate allowed to A. C. Morse,	2 70
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J. W. Farrar to school house rebates in district 12, 27 77

\$ 388 54

## Abatements Allowed.

To collector on 1892 tax, \$ 30 35

Collector on 1893 tax, 39 97

Obed B. Fuller on tax of 1895, 85

Treasurer on tax deed of C. D. Elmes, 4 87

Treasurer on tax deed of J. E. Elms, I 34

\$ 77 38

Unexpended highway tax of 1894, returned by survey-	
ors May 1st, 1895,	\$ 220 10

## PAID FOR OVERWORK ON TAX OF 1894.

Paid to Alden Meservey, \$ 1 35

C. H. Burgess, II 60

E. S. Adams, 2 10

A. B. Knight, 16 22

Arnold Turner, 4 37

E. R. Packard,	4 77	
H. N. Brown,	10 00	
S. S. Bean,	8 99	
A. A. Buck,	12 00	
J. E. Dolief,	5 00	
Alden Robbins,	11 55	
Wm. F. Bryant,	7 97	
S. R. Bennett,	1 52	
Alden F. Brown,	2 62	
Llewellyn Lincoln,	2 12	
F. C. Overlock,	8 15	
O. A. Wellman,	16 59	
J. H. Peavey,	2 28	
O. D. Wilson,	14 82	
G. E. Donnell,	3 23	
Fred Lucas,	16 17	
A. B. Meservey,	4 40	
Leroy Marriner,	4 00	
W. G. Brown,	3 30	
B. C. Paul,	5 32	
F. C. Procter,	4 76	
A. F. Lawry,	13 12	
Charles A. Heal,	9 55	
L. S. Marriner,	7 20	
A. H. Wentworth,	2 61	
A. K. Boynton,	1 14	
	<hr/>	\$ 218 82
Unexpended,		1 28
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		\$ 220 10

### Free High School.

Unexpended from 1894,	\$ 100 00
Raised by town March 1895,	150 00
Due from state,	150 00
Total fund,	<hr/> \$ 400 00



## EXPENDED.

Paid J. W. Farrar for teaching and board,	\$100 00	
J. W. Farrar for teaching and board,	84 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 184 00
Unexpended,		*216 00
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		\$ 400 00

\*The above amount will be fully drawn upon the completion of the spring term of high school.

OTIS D. WILSON,	} Selectmen of Searsmont
L. L. CROSS,	
A. N. JEWETT,	

I have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find orders for the same properly drawn and vouchers for the same receipted and filed.

A. L. MADDOCKS, Auditor.

## Treasurer's Report.

Whole amount turned in by former Treasurer and all other sources was	\$19,547 05
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## AMOUNT PAID OUT.

On Selectmen's orders,	\$13,221 53
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## FUNDS RETURNED ON SETTLEMENT.

Uncollected tax of 1894,	\$470 48
“ “ “ 1895,	5619 26
Due on tax deeds,	369 01
B. Ladd's note,	15 00 +
E. Merrithew's note,	26 25 +
list of release,	6 80 X
non resident tax list, 1893,	33 66 X
school fund and mill tax,	757 92 X
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	27 14 +
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	\$19,547 05

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. CASWELL, Treasurer.

Searsmont, February 22, 1896.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR 1895.

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The School Committee this year was composed of the same persons as last year, Mr. A. L. Maddocks having been re-elected.

The Committee organized with C. S. Adams as chairman and J. W. Farrar, Sec'y. and Superintendent. Several sub-committees were appointed to assist in the work, but the most of it—more than really should—has fallen to the Superintendent.

For the amount of money for school purposes and expenditures will refer you to the report of the Selectmen, but wish to say that the balances given there do not show all the expenditures as some bills have not been presented and some are not due.

When the bills are all paid there will be only small balances, except in the Free High school fund which will have \$52.00 for the spring term. The overdraft on the repairs account is mostly due to their charging on their books to this account, bills that I had intended to be paid from the school fund.

## Teachers.

The following is the assignment of teachers for the year:

No. 1. Miss Alice B. Hatch of Castine, taught the spring and fall terms. Miss Lilla M. Rivers taught four weeks of the winter term and resigned and went to Belfast to teach. Mrs. Abbie Ordway finished the term.

No. 2. Mr. J. W. Farrar taught the spring term of Free High school. Mrs. Sara F. Fuller the spring term of common school. Misses Margaret A. Dunton and Mary H. Mason of Montville commenced the fall term and taught four weeks when both teachers and many of the scholars were taken sick with measles, which made it necessary to close it four weeks, after which Miss Dunton taught one week and was compelled to resign on account of her health. J. W. Farrar took her place. J. W. Farrar and Miss Mary H. Mason taught the winter term.



No. 3. Grace Pendleton of Belfast, taught the spring and fall terms, Cora A. Mahoney the winter term.

No. 4. Cora A. Mahoney taught the spring and fall terms. Geo. C. Howard of Montville the winter term.

No. 5. Abbie Fuller taught the spring and fall terms. Mrs. Alice M. Ripley of Appleton, the winter term.

No. 7. Zoa B. Johnson of Appleton, taught the spring term which was closed one week on account of a diphtheria scare. Ella L. Elms of Belmont, the fall term, seven weeks, when it had to be closed on account of measles. Grace Simmons of Morrill is teaching the winter term, which is still in session on account of the loss of four weeks on the other terms.

No. 10. Sibyl Marriner of Belmont, taught the spring term. Sara F. Fuller taught the fall and winter terms.

No. 11. Lilla M. Rivers taught the spring and fall terms. Ella L. Elms the winter term.

No. 13. Carrie Mitchell of Appleton, taught the spring term. Sibyl Marriner of Belmont the fall and winter terms.

No. 14. Alice M. Ripley of Appleton, taught the spring term. Inez L. Peavey of S. Moneville, the fall and winter terms.

In the selection and assignment of the above teachers to their respective schools, we endeavored to place them where we thought they could do the best work. All except three of them have had experience ranging from one to forty-four terms, and we find those teachers who have had experience, and are putting forth their best efforts to keep abreast the times, by constant study of their work, gave us the best results. We are aware from our experience, both as Superintendent and teacher, that no teacher has equally good success in every school, but we do believe that when the time comes, and we hope it will very soon, that parents will take a personal interest in school work, and by visiting the schools, and becoming personally acquainted with the teacher, and the work they are doing, aid them in their work. Then they will be able to judge when criticism is made, whether it is right or wrong. They would also feel free to consult the teachers in regard to all matters, and we think it would



be much better than going to some person who has no interest in the schools, and may have some personal ends in the matter.

If the above had been done in more than one case the past year, we believe that the schools would have been more profitable and satisfactory to both parents and teachers. But, I do believe that when we take everything into consideration, our schools for the past year have been as successful as we ever knew them, and are in a place to go on and make the next year better than the present, if each one *does his* work. I have pursued the same plan as last year, of not making special mention of each teacher, for the reason that the record is made; if it is good, we can add nothing to it, and if bad, we can do no good by reviewing it.

The following table will be of interest as it gives the attendance and cost per week, and length of each school. It has been our endeavor to make the cost of each school of same grade nearly equal, but the cost of board as you will notice makes it impossible.

Spring Term, 9 Weeks.					Fall Term, 10 Weeks.				Winter Term, 11 Weeks.			
District Number	Number Registered	Average Attendance	Wages of Teachers	Price of Board	Number Registered	Average Attendance	Wages of Teachers	Price of board	Number Registered	Average Attendance	Wages of Teachers	Price of Board
1	11	9	\$3 00	\$2 00	12	9	\$4 50	\$2 00	10	9	\$5 00	\$2 00
2	35	30	5 00	1 50	48	38	13 50	3 75	—	—	15 00	4 00
3	10	8	3 50	1 20	18	14	4 00	1 50	19	15	4 80	1 20
4	17	15	3 50	1 50	22	15	4 50	1 50	25	18	6 25	2 00
5	17	15	3 00	1 50	17	12	4 50	1 50	16	11	5 00	1 50
7	—	—	3 00	0 99	—	—	5 00	0 99	—	—	5 00	0 99
10	20	15	3 50	1 60	20	18	5 00	2 00	24	22	5 00	2 00
11	8	8	3 00	2 00	11	8	4 50	2 00	10	9	5 00	1 50
13	16	13	3 00	1 50	23	17	5 00	1 50	22	19	5 00	2 00
14	15	13	3 50	1 75	15	12	5 00	1 50	14	11	5 00	1 50

In the above we are unable to complete the record in Nos. 2 and 7 as the schools were not done when the report was written.



## School Houses.

The new school house in No. 1 was completed in time for the winter term. It is a nice house and well arranged. Repairs have been made on several others. New windows were put in Nos. 3 and 11, and quite extensive repairs were made in No. 7, making it in the best condition it had been in for years, but the wind on Dec. 31 blew the roof off, so the most of what we did will probably be lost. The school has been kept in S. S. Bean's house since then. Considerable money must be expended here now or some change must be made. What to do I can not tell.

## Text Books.

The following books have been introduced, Dole's American Citizen and Maury's Physical Geography. The geographies have changed for a new edition of the same book, and new contracts made for most of the other books. The condition of some of the books is poor and need some money to supply the needs.

At the beginning of the fall term we furnished copy books to all the scholars and think that it is a step in the right direction. We know now that every scholar has a copy book and can require him to write. Quite an interest has been taken in the writing exercise, which has been a daily exercise in each school.

## Recommendations for the Coming Year.

The same appropriation for schools as last year and an appropriation sufficient to insure several of our school houses. We are aware that there is considerable talk of the amount of money we are expending for school but when you consider the decrease in population and also in the amount of money received from the state you will see that we are expending no more than formerly for schools. Another reason for the need of the usual amount is that we are employing more experienced teachers and to keep them must be able to pay them fair wages.

If we must cut down appropriations let us not do it on the thing that is the nearest to every citizen of the town. Let us provide our scholars with that which will make them intelligent and honorable citizens as good a common school education as we can give them.

In conclusion we think in justice to ourself we may say that the increased expense of the superintendent over last year is due to the introduction and exchange of text-books, the arrangement of repairs and the break in several schools on account of measles. The measles made not only increased expense but the break caused by them has been felt throughout the rest of the year, making the work harder, and several scholars have not been able to attend school since.

We wish to thank all for the favors shown us in our work and hope that your next superintendent may be able to serve you better than we have.

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